financial year. The funds are released by the Corporation against claims on the basis of progress in Rural Electrification works in respect of projects sanctioned by the Corporation.

(c) Andhra Pradesh Transmission Corporation (APTRANSCO) has drawn an amount of Rs. 476 crores as on 13.3.2002 for rural electrification programme in Andhra Pradesh.

Setting up SEB, Chhattisgarh

†1866. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the date on which Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board was set up;

(b) whether prior approval of the Central Government had been taken for the same;

(c) if so, the date on which the Central Government accorded its approval; and

(d) the details of assets and liabilities assigned to this new Board?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Chhattisgarh Government has constituted Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board vide notification dated 15th November, 2000 in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section 4 of section 58 of Madhya Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000. As this Board was constituted before the dissolution of the State Electricity Board of undivided State a provision is to be made by order of Central Government enabling the new Board to take over from the existing Boards all or any of its undertakings, assets, rights and liabilities in that state. Union Government, after ascertaining the views of the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Government of Chhattisgarh has issued an order on 12.4.2001 under sub-section 4 of the section 58 of the said Act for apportionment of assets and liabilities of the undivided

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Electricity Board to the successor Boards on provisional basis. This order is effective from 15.4.2001.

(d) Assets and liabilities have been assigned on provisional basis to new successor Boards by Ministry of Power's Notification dated 12th April, 2001 in the following manner:

Assets:

(a) Fixed assets (land and buildings, installed plants and machinery, transmission and distribution systems, etc.) situated in either State will pass on to the successor SEB of that State.

(b) Movable assets and stores of the field units shall be transferred on the basis of location. Stores, furniture and vehicles of the Head Office shall be apportioned according to the year of purchase in the population ratio of 1762: 4857, except the project/scheme-specific stores which shall be allocated to the concerned SEBs to whom the project/scheme related liabilities are being transferred.

Liabilities:

(a) Project/Asset specific liability of the existing Board shall be passed on to the successor Board to which the asset has been allocated.

(b) The liabilities of the existing Board which cannot be assigned under sub-clause (a) to any asset shall be apportioned between the successor Boards of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh in the population ratio of 1762:4857. The order further provided that for purpose of ascertaining the total liabilities and their classification as per criterion above and make recommendation to the Central Government on the allocation of liabilities between the successor States according to the principles narrated above, an independent agency/consultant shall be appointed by mutual consultations between the successor States failing which by Central Government. CEA has since been appointed as an independent agency to ascertain the total liabilities and their classification.